

FEBRUARY 3, 1835.

Read twice, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SUTHERLAND, from the Committee on Commerce, reported the following bill :

## A BILL

To allow drawbacks of duties on merchandise exported from the United States, via Missouri, to the provinces of New Mexico.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2   *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That  
3   all goods, wares, and merchandise, in their original packages  
4   of importation, subject to the payment of duties, exported  
5   from New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, or New Orleans, via  
6   St. Louis and Independence, in the State of Missouri, or di-  
7   rectly from the city of St. Louis to the city of Santa Fe, in the  
8   province of New Mexico, shall be entitled to the same draw-  
9   backs of duties as would be allowed thereon were they export-  
10   ed directly from any of the aforesaid ports of the United  
11   States to any foreign port or place situated to the westward  
12   or southward of Louisiana, as provided for by the act of the  
13   fifth of January, eighteen hundred and five, allowing draw-  
14   backs of duties on all such exportations.

1       SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That, in order to en-  
2   title the exporter or exporters of any goods, wares, or mer-

3   chandise as aforesaid, to the benefits of the provisions of the  
4   first section of this act, he, she, or they shall, previous to put-  
5   ting or lading the same on board of any ship, vessel, or wagon,  
6   give notice to the collector of the district from which the same  
7   are about to be exported, of his, her, or their intention to ex-  
8   port the same, and shall make entry, in writing, of the parti-  
9   culars thereof, and of the casks, cases, chests, boxes, bales, or  
10  other packages or parcels containing the same, or of which  
11  the same shall consist, and of their respective marks, num-  
12  bers, and contents, upon which statement the custom-house  
13  officer at the port from which said goods are about to be ex-  
14  ported, shall cause the additional custom-house mark, thus,  
15  "For Santa Fe," to be put on each and every cask, box, bale,  
16  or case, contained in the invoice exhibited; and he shall issue  
17  a certificate specifying the marks, numbers, and contents of  
18  the packages; value of articles paying ad valorem rates of  
19  duty; weight, gauge, or measure of articles paying specific  
20  duties; rates of duty and amount of duties, and names of own-  
21  ers of goods, in separate columns, respectively; together with  
22  the name of the vessel of importation, the date of importation,  
23  and place where from; which certificate shall be presented  
24  to the surveyor of the port of St. Louis at the time of the ar-  
25  rival of the goods at that place, who shall examine the pack-  
26  ages, and compare them with the accompanying certificate or  
27  certificates; and, upon being satisfied that the contents of the

28 packages are the same as they were at the time when, and  
29 place where purchased, he shall endorse and sign a certificate  
30 accordingly ; which certificate shall be exhibited to the officer  
31 of the custom-house to be established at Independence, in the  
32 county of Jackson, Missouri, where a similar course shall be  
33 pursued on the arrival of the goods at that port ; which se-  
34 veral certificates shall be presented to the consul of the Unit-  
35 ed States at Santa Fe, on the arrival of the goods at the cus-  
36 tom-house at that place, who shall, thereupon, examine the  
37 packages ; and, upon being satisfied, upon evidence from the  
38 Mexican custom-house officer, that the contents thereof are  
39 the same as they were at the time and place of purchase, he  
40 shall give a certificate to the owner of the goods, containing  
41 the following particulars, to wit :

42 I, A B, consul of the United States at Santa Fe, do hereby  
43 certify that the following packages have been brought to, and  
44 deposited in, the custom-house at this place by C D, (here  
45 insert the name of the person by whom brought, and, if he be  
46 not the owner, the name of the owner also,) and that upon  
47 examination of them, and upon evidence received from the  
48 Mexican custom-house officer, I do further certify that they  
49 contain the identical goods which, according to the certificates  
50 of the custom-house officer at (here insert New York, Phila-  
51 delphia, Baltimore, New Orleans, or St. Louis,) were in them  
52 at the time when they left the said port of (here insert the port

53 from which they were exported,) and that they were imported  
 54 on the                      day of                      on board of  
 55 vessel, or wagon, as the case may be.

Name of vessel of importation.	Date of importation.	From what place.	Marks.	Contents.	Value of articles paying ad valorem duties.	Weight, gauge, or measure of articles paying specific duties.	Rates of duty.	Amount of duties.	Names of owners of the goods.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of the consulate, this                      day of

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A B, Consul at Santa Fe.

1        SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That, on the presen-  
 2 tation of the foregoing certificate of the consul, and of the  
 3 certificates which may be issued by the officers at St. Louis  
 4 and Independence, the drawbacks hereby authorized shall be  
 5 paid to the owner of the goods, or to his order, provided the  
 6 duties on the same shall have been previously received by the  
 7 collector of the port or place where the goods were originally  
 8 imported ; and in order that the collector paying said draw-  
 9 backs may receive credit therefor, all of the said certificates  
 10 are to be cancelled by him, by obliterating the signatures  
 11 thereto, and are to accompany the account of such collector,  
 12 in which a charge for the said drawbacks may be made, to-  
 13 gether with the receipt of the party to whom payment may  
 14 be made.

1        SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the certificates  
 2        which may be issued by the consul of the United States at  
 3        Santa Fe, shall be regularly recorded by him in a book to be  
 4        kept for that special purpose, and that, for issuing and record-  
 5        ing said certificates, he shall be entitled to a fee of  
 6        from the owner of the goods.

1        SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That, in the event of  
 2        the absence of the consul, or of his inability to attend to the  
 3        duties herein required of him, then, and in that case, the cer-  
 4        tificate of two or more respectable merchants of Santa Fe,  
 5        accompanied by the certificate of the Mexican custom-house  
 6        officer to the same effect, shall be deemed sufficient, and re-  
 7        ceived in lieu of the certificate of said consul.

1        SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That, for the purpose  
 2        of carrying this act into effect, and for other purposes, Port  
 3        Independence, on the Missouri river, in the county of Jack-  
 4        son, be, and the same is hereby, established a port of deli-  
 5        very, and that a surveyor shall be appointed to reside at said  
 6        port, with the same powers as those of surveyors of the ports  
 7        specified in the act of the second of March, eighteen hun-  
 8        dred and thirty-one.